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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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By Dana Robertson  
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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(e)(2)**

Dear Sir:

This petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(e)(2) is in partial response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed December 12, 2003. This petition is being filed on Monday, December 29, 2003, which is within the two-month period set forth in the Notice and provided for under 37 C.F.R. 1.181(f). A check for the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) accompanies this petition. In the event there are any fee deficiencies, or additional fees are payable, please charge (or credit any overpayment to) our Deposit Account No. 50-2121.

The Notice to File Missing Parts asserts that Figures 22a-c, which are described in the specification, were omitted from the application. Applicants respectfully submit that Figures 22a-c were included with the application and, therefore, request a determination that Figures 22a-c were filed on the original filing date of September 18, 2003.

The above identified application was filed on September 18, 2003, including 30 drawing sheets, which contained Figures 1-36. All 30 drawing sheets, containing Figures 1-36, were received and accorded a filing date of September 18, 2003, as indicated by the return postcard, a

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copy of which is included herewith. The 21<sup>st</sup> drawing sheet in the series of 30 is designated "Figure 22." It was confirmed in a telephone conversation on December 19, 2003 with Mr. Preston Wallace Sr. in the Office of Initial Patent Examination that the drawing sheet designated Figure 22 was, in fact, received as part of the original filing. In an abundance of caution, however, Applicant herein supplies another copy of the drawing sheet designated Figure 22.

The 21<sup>st</sup> drawing sheet includes 3 separate drawing figures. All three of the figures on the drawing sheet are together designated as "Figure 22." The three figures included on the drawing sheet designated Figure 22 respectively correspond to the features and aspects described in the specification as Figures 22a-c. Accordingly, notwithstanding the lack of individual designation, it is submitted that Figures 22a-c were filed on September 18, 2003 and were received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants respectfully request that the application and Notice to File Missing Parts be reviewed and a determination made that Figures 22a-c were not omitted from the application.

Applicants will attend to properly designating the three individual figures on the 21<sup>st</sup> drawing sheet as Figure 22a, Figure 22b, and Figure 22b in a preliminary amendment.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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- Received:
1. Application Transmittal (4 pgs)
  2. Certificate of Express Mailing dated September 18, 2003 (1 pg)
  3. Specification (21 pgs); Claims (1 pg); Abstract (1 pg)
  4. Thirty (30) sheets of informal drawings (Figs. 1 - 36)
  5. Return Receipt Postcard

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